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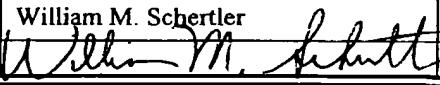
**Application Number****10/715,390****Filing Date****November 19, 2003****First Named Inventor****Shigeo TANAKA****FAX RECEIVED****Art Unit****2838****Examiner Name****Adolf D. Berhane****Attorney Docket Number****032116****AUG 12 2008****This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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